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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Status of County Interest Legislation

County-opposed AB 1470 (Vargas) would authorize an increase in In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) wages and benefits by voter initiative. Current law provides Boards of Supervisors the sole authority to increase IHSS wages and benefits. This allows counties to make IHSS wage and benefit level decisions in the context of local fiscal conditions and other government priorities. AB 1470 could have a devastating impact on the County's budget by placing wage and benefit decisions outside of the Board's control.

AB 1470 is intended to overturn the Superior Court decision in Antonovich v. McCormack, (July 19, 2002) which removed a proposed IHSS increase ballot initiative. The court held that under the law governing IHSS, "specific responsibility to negotiate and approve wage increases is delegated to the board of supervisors and/or public authority created by the Board", and as a result, a voter initiative to increase IHSS wages is invalid because it would preempt local authority by removing powers delegated exclusively to counties.

AB 1470 is set to be heard today, April 29, 2003 in the Assembly Human Services Committee at 1:30 pm. County opposition to this bill was included in the March 12, 2003 State Legislative Update and our Sacramento advocates will testify

today in opposition to the measure. AB 1470 is also opposed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS, California State Association of Counties, California Mental Health Directors Association, County Welfare Directors Association, the Boards of Supervisors from the Counties of Sacramento, Butte, Plumas and Solano and the Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Lake, and San Diego. AB 1470 is supported by the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, United Domestic Workers and SEIU.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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